



# State Administration and Veterans' Affairs Interim Committee

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## TENTATIVE AGENDA

### Meeting # 2

### HJR 8 Subcommittee on Voting Systems

Wednesday, November 14, 2001  
Room 102, State Capitol

- 9:00 a.m. Roll Call  
Approval of Minutes from September 5, 2001
- 9:05 a.m. Staff review of current statutes governing voting equipment, counts, recounts, and determination of voter intent, **Ms. Sheri Heffelfinger**, Legislative Research Analyst
- 10:00 a.m. Review of any implementing guidance, rules, other policy papers relative to counts and recounts, **Office of the Secretary of State**
- 10:30 a.m. **Counting and Recounting Votes:** Focused discussion and Subcommittee comments and questions on voting equipment and standardizing determination of what counts as a vote and interpretation of voter intent

### **Optical Scan Ballots**

Panel Discussion (See attached discussion questions)

#### Lewis & Clark County - BRC Optech IV-C/400

Mike Murray, County Commissioner, Canvassing Board Member  
Paulette DeHart, County Election Administrator

#### Yellowstone County - AIS 15 Series, Models 150 and 550

(TBA) Jim Reno, County Commissioner, Canvassing Board Member  
Duane Winslow, County Election Administrator

#### Cascade County - AIS 315

(TBA) Commissioner Peggy Beltrone, Canvassing Board Member  
Rita Hudak, County Election Administrator

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School Districts

(TBA) School District Canvassing Board Member  
Kim Faderhonc, Great Falls School District, Election Administrator

12:00 noon LUNCH BREAK

1:00 p.m. **Punch Card Ballots**  
Panel Discussion (See attached discussion questions)

Flathead County

(TBA) Canvassing Board Member  
Dianne Murer, County Election Supervisor  
Sue Haverfield, County Election Administrator

Broadwater County

(TBA) Canvassing Board Member  
(TBA) Election Judge  
(TBA) Judy Gillespie, County Election Administrator, Newly Appointed  
(TBA) Elaine Gravely, Former County Election Administrator

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(TBA)

2:00 p.m. BREAK

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2:15 p.m. **Paper Ballots**  
Panel Discussion (See attached discussion questions)

Blaine County

Sandi Bordman, Election Administrator

Chouteau County

Commissioner Kenneth Evans, Canvassing Board

Nancy Hanford, Election Judge

Jo Ann Johnson, Election Administrator

Petroleum

(TBA) Canvassing Board Member

(TBA) Election Judge

Mary Brindley, Election Administrator

School District

Louise Thomas, Powell County High Schools

(TBA) Others?

3:00 pm. **Lever Machine**  
Panel Discussion (See attached discussion questions)

Powell County School District

(TBA) Canvassing Board Member

(TBA) Election Judge

Louise Thomas, Election Administrator

School District in Glacier County

(TBA) Canvassing Board Member

(TBA) Election Judge

(TBA) Election Administrator

3:30 p.m. Staff presentation of Issues and Options Checklist #1, **Sheri Heffelfinger**

4:00 p.m. Public Comment

4:30 p.m. Executive Session on Issues and Options Checklist #1  
Instructions to Staff  
Adjournment

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### **Discussion Questions for each Panel**

1. What kinds of mistakes do voters make on the ballot? How often do these mistakes occur?
2. How (i.e., by what standard) is voter intent determined when there is a questionable vote on the ballot?
3. What actions could be taken to standardize how voter intent is determined from precinct to precinct within a county utilizing the same type of ballot and voting system?
4. What actions could be taken to standardize how voter intent is determined from county to county utilizing the same type of ballot and voting system?
5. What actions should or should not be taken to standardize how votes are counted and recounted statewide?
6. What actions should or should not be taken to standardize the type of ballot and voting equipment used statewide?